

AGENCY/FOSTER PARENTS AGREEMENT

In consideration of mutual obligations and in order to promote a clear understanding of the factors involved in providing foster care, the following agreement is being entered into by

_____ (name(s) of foster parent(s)) and
_____ (name of agency).

THE FOSTER PARENTS AGREE

- to allow an agency representative to visit our home in conjunction with licensing procedures, foster care planning, and placement;
- to accept children into our home only through the agency and not through other individuals, agencies, or institutions;
- to treat any child placed in our home as a member of our family, and when so advised by the agency, to make every effort to support, encourage, and enhance the child's relationship with a child's birth parents;
- that there will be continuous contact and exchange of information between the agency and us about matters affecting the adjustment of any child placed in our home. We agree to keep these matters confidential and to discuss them only with the appropriate agency staff members, or other professional people designated by the agency;
- to obtain permission of the agency if a child is to be out of our home for a period exceeding two nights;
- to report to the agency any changes in the composition of our household, change of address, or any change in the employment status of any adult member of the household;
- to make no independent plans for a child to visit the home of the child's birth parents or relatives without prior consent from the agency;
- to adhere to the agency's plan of medical care, both for routine care and treatment and for emergency care and hospitalization;
- to provide any child placed in our home with appropriate and responsible supervision at all times while a child is in our home, and not to leave a child unsupervised or in the charge of inappropriate persons;

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- to assume responsibility for the overall planning for a child, and to assist us in meeting our day-to-day responsibility toward a child;
- to inform us concerning the agency's procedures and financial responsibility for obtaining medical care and hospitalization;
- to pay us a monthly room and board payment, and if applicable, a difficulty of care payment or respite care payment for children placed in the home; to discuss with us any plans to remove a child from our home, and to give us reasonable notice before removing a child;

Standard PM # 17: At a minimum, the agency shall provide compensation to foster parents at State-established board rates. The agency shall provide funds for clothing and personal needs allowance when the child is in agency custody or placement authority.

- to visit our home and child regularly, and to be available to give needed services and consultation concerning a child's welfare;
- to respect to the extent possible our preferences in terms of sex, age range, and number of children placed in our home;
- to provide or arrange for training for us; and,
- to include us as part of the decision-making team for a child.

Standard CS # 81: The agency shall ensure that the foster parents, pre-adoptive parents, or relatives providing care for a child are notified of any court review or hearing to be held about the child and of their opportunity to be heard in court.

We have read the foregoing statements and have retained a copy of this document.

Foster Father _____ Date: _____

Foster Mother _____ Date: _____

For the _____ Department of Social Services or Agency:

_____ Date: _____

Title _____

